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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JIM MOORE,

Plaintiff,

- against -

BRITISH BROADCASTING COMPANY, DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, WALL TO WALL PRODUCTIONS, INC., MAGNOLIA PICTURES, INC., POLARIS IMAGES CORPORATION THE WORKS MEDIA GROUP, PLC., JP PAPPIS, and SIMON CHINN,

Defendants.

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DEFENDANT WALL TO WALL (EGYPT) LTD.'S ANSWER

Wall to Wall (Egypt) Ltd. ("Wall to Wall"), incorrectly denominated as Wall to Wall Productions, Inc., by its attorneys Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, P.C., answers Plaintiff Jim Moore's Complaint (the "Complaint") as follows:

#### **PARTIES**

- Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Complaint. 1.
- 2. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Complaint.

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- 3. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the Complaint.
- 4. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of the Complaint.
  - 5. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Complaint.
- 6. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of the Complaint.
- 7. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of the Complaint.
- 8. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of the Complaint.
- 9. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of the Complaint.
  - 10. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of the Complaint.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 11. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of the Complaint, except admits that the Complaint purports to state a cause of action for copyright infringement.
- 12. Paragraph 12 of the Complaint contains allegations of law to which no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 13. Paragraph 13 of the Complaint contains allegations of law to which no responsive pleading is necessary.

#### BACKGROUND

14. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of the Complaint.

- 15. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of the Complaint.
  - 16. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of the Complaint.
- 17. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of the Complaint.
- 18. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of the Complaint.
- 19. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 of the Complaint, except admit that Moore took certain photographs of Mr. Petit in 1974 that involved the events leading up to and following Mr. Petit's walking on a wire between the towers of the World Trade Center.
  - 20. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 20 of the Complaint.
  - 21. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 21 of the Complaint.
- 22. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 22 of the Complaint.
- 23. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 23 of the Complaint.
- 24. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 24 of the Complaint except affirmatively alleges that Moore gave Polaris express authority to negotiate with Wall to Wall to license certain photographs of Moore's for use in the film, "Man on Wire", and denies the description of the images as "unlicensed."
- 25. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 25 of the Complaint, except affirmatively alleges that Wall to Wall (Egypt) Ltd. negotiated and came to an agreement with

Polaris, Moore's authorized agent, for use of some of Moore's photographs on the film "Man on Wire."

- 26. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 26 of the Complaint.
- 27. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 27 of the Complaint, except states that on or about March 4, 2008, Moore's attorney, Richard Cutler, sent an email to Simon Chinn of Polaris.
  - 28. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 28 of the Complaint.
  - 29. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 29 of the Complaint.
  - 30. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 30 of the Complaint.
- 31. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 31 of the Complaint.
  - 32. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 32 of the Complaint.
  - 33. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 33 of the Complaint.
- 34. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 34 of the Complaint.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Copyright Infringement Against All Defendants

- 35. Defendant Wall to Wall repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 34 of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.
  - 36. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 36 of the Complaint.
  - 37. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 37 of the Complaint.
  - 38. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 38 of the Complaint.
  - 39. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 39 of the Complaint.

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- 40. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 40 of the Complaint.
- 41. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 41 of the Complaint.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

#### Vicarious Copyright Infringement as Against Defendants Pappas and Chinn

- 42. Defendant Wall to Wall repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 41 of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.
- 43. Paragraph 43 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary. However, Wall to Wall denies information sufficient to form knowledge or a belief with respect to the allegations in Paragraph 43.
- 44. Paragraph 44 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary. However, Wall to Wall states that Simon Chinn is an employee of Wall to Wall.
- 45. Paragraph 45 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary. However, Wall to Wall denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 45 of the Complaint.
- 46. Paragraph 46 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary. However, Wall to Wall denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 46 of the Complaint.
- 47. Paragraph 47 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary. However, Wall to Wall denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 47 of the Complaint.
- 48. Paragraph 48 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary. However, Wall to Wall denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 48 of the Complaint.

- 49. Paragraph 49 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary. However, Wall to Wall denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 49 of the Complaint.
- 50. Paragraph 50 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary. However, Wall to Wall denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 50 of the Complaint.
- 51. Paragraph 51 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary. However, Wall to Wall denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 51 of the Complaint.

## THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

# Contributory Copyright Infringement as Against Defendants Pappis, Chinn, Polaris, and Wall to Wall

- 52. Defendant Wall to Wall repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 51 of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.
- 53. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 53 of the Complaint, except states that Wall to Wall used some of Moore's images in "Man on Wire" under a valid and duly authorized licensed agreement.
- 54. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 54 of the Complaint, except states that Wall to Wall chose which images of Moore's it licensed for the film.
  - 55. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 55 of the Complaint.
  - 56. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 56 of the Complaint.
  - 57. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 57 of the Complaint.
  - 58. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 58 of the Complaint.

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# FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION Negligence as Against Defendants Pappis and Polaris

- 59. Wall to Wall repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 58 of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.
- 60. Paragraph 60 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 61. Paragraph 61 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 62. Paragraph 62 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 63. Paragraph 63 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 64. Paragraph 64 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 65. Paragraph 65 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 66. Paragraph 66 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.

# FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION Fraud as Against Defendants Pappis and Polaris

- 67. Wall to Wall repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 66 of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.
- 68. Paragraph 68 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.

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- 69. Paragraph 69 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 70. Paragraph 70 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 71. Paragraph 71 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 72. Paragraph 72 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 73. Paragraph 73 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 74. Paragraph 74 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.

#### SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# Breach of Fiduciary Duty as Against Defendants Pappis and Polaris

- 75. Wall to Wall repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 74 of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.
- 76. Paragraph 76 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 77. Paragraph 77 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 78. Paragraph 78 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 79. Paragraph 79 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.

- 80. Paragraph 80 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 81. Paragraph 81 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.

# SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION Aiding and Abetting Breach of Fiduciary Duty as Against Defendants Wall to Wall and Chinn

- 82. Wall to Wall repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 81 of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.
  - 83. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 83 of the Complaint.
  - 84. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 84 of the Complaint.
  - 85. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 85 of the Complaint.
  - 86. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 86 of the Complaint.

# EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION Breach of Contract as Against Defendants Pappis and Polaris

- 87. Wall to Wall repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 86 of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.
- 88. Paragraph 88 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary. However, Wall to Wall states that Moore gave full and express authority to Polaris to license Moore's images to Wall to Wall for use in the film.
- 89. Paragraph 89 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 90. Paragraph 90 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary. However, Wall to Wall states that the price that the images were licensed at was well above market value.

91. Paragraph 91 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.

#### NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing as Against Defendants Pappis and Polaris

- 92. Wall to Wall repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 91 of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.
- 93. Paragraph 93 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 94. Paragraph 94 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.
- 95. Paragraph 95 of the Complaint is not applicable to Wall to Wall, thus no responsive pleading is necessary.

# TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION Unjust Enrichment as Against All Defendants

- 96. Wall to Wall repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 95 of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.
  - 97. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 97 of the Complaint.
  - 98. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 98 of the Complaint.
  - 99. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 99 of the Complaint.
  - 100. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 100 of the Complaint.

#### JURY DEMAND

101. Paragraph 101 of the Complaint contains statements of law to which no responsive pleading is necessary.

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## FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

102. Plaintiff has no personal jurisdiction over Wall to Wall.

## SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

103. Plaintiff fails to state a claim against Wall to Wall.

## THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

104. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrines of estoppel, laches, and unclean hands.

# FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

105. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and any analogous provision of applicable state law.

#### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

106. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrine of fair use.

#### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

107. Wall to Wall's use of Plaintiff's photographs in the film was non curat lex.

#### SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

108. Plaintiff's claims are barred by his failure to register with the Copyright Office some or all of the photographs alleged to have been infringed in the Complaint.

#### EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

- 109. Plaintiff duly authorized Polaris to enter into a licensing agreement on behalf of Plaintiff with Wall to Wall for use of Moore's images in the film.
- 110. Wall to Wall did enter into a license agreement with Plaintiff, via Plaintiff's authorized agent Polaris, to use Moore's photographs in the film.

111. Wall to Wall performed its duties under the license agreement, including but not limited to paying the full amount of the aggregate license fees for use of any of Moore's photographs in the film.

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Dated: New York, New York June 23, 2008

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SS.:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

DONALD THORESEN, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am not a party to this proceeding, am over eighteen years of age, and reside Kings County, State of New York.

On June 23, 2008, I served the annexed Answer upon:

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by hand delivering a true copy of same to, and leaving it with, the receptionist for the

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above-named firm.

Donald Thoresen

Sworn to before me this 23 day of June, 2008.

ROSEMARY SETTEDUCATO Notary Public, State of New York No. 24-4678133 Qualified in New York County

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